Improvements At San Clemente

Washington

The federal government paid nearly $10,000 of the cost of installing water and sewer lines at President Nixon's San Clemente estate soon after he purchased the property in 1969, officials said yesterday.

Most of the expense, $6200, was for a six-inch water line installed at the Secret Service's request for fire protection, a General Services Administration spokesman said in response to inquiries.

Sources reported the water line also serves a swimming pool that Mr. Nixon built at his oceanside California residence in July 1969.

The government also paid $3200 of the total $9784 cost of installing a six-inch sewer line serving the Spanish-style home, GSA spokesman Terry Angelo said.

Angelo said the sewer was built larger than normally would be necessary "to accomodate the federal personnel stationed there at all times," and the government thus shared the cost.

The nearly $10,000 in expenditures is in addition to the $100,000 in government funds which the Associated Press reported two weeks ago had been spent for improvements on Mr. Nixon's property to improve presidential security.

It also is in addition to $70,000 which Newsday reported in its Sunday editions had been spent for estate landscaping at the request of the Secret Service.

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